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EDUCATION: • **2008 Bachelor of Fine Art in Illustration** - American Academy of Art - Chicago, IL

HONORS: • **Valedictorian** of 2008 American Academy of Art Graduating Class.
 • **President's List:** Fall 2005 & Spring 2008; **Dean's List:** Spring 2006 & Spring 2007
 • Selected to represent American Academy of Art in 2007 Nation Wide Art Competition.
 • Awarded **First Place** in American Academy of Art 2004 Annual Senior Art Scholarship Competition.

FURTHER STUDY: **Mask Making & Creature Design Fundamentals** - 2007 - Sculpture Course by Jordu Schell at Schell Sculpture Studio - Van Nuys, CA

INTERNSHIPS: **Stan Winston Studio** - Van Nuys, CA - 2007 - *Special Effects Intern, worked on AVATAR and INDIANA JONES 4.*
The Bradford Exchange - Niles, IL - 2006 - *Product Development Intern, designed and managed projects.*

SKILLS:

TRADITIONAL 2D: **Drawing & Painting:** Gouache, Watercolor, Acrylic, Oil, Colored Pencil, Graphite, Charcoal, Airbrush, Marker, Ink, etc.

TRADITIONAL 3D: **Sculpture:** Water-based, Oil-based, Epoxy, & Polymer Clays; Dental Acrylic; High-Density & Bead Foam Carving; Vacu-forming; Welding.
Mold Fabrication: Stone, Latex, Alginate, Silicone, and Polyester & Epoxy Fiberglass Systems; Face, Teeth, & Body Life-casts.
Casting: Rubber & Foam Latex, Resin, Cold-Cast Metal, Stone, Expanding Urethane Foams, Silicone, and Fiberglass.

DIGITAL MEDIA: **Mac/PC:** Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, & After Effects; QuarkXpress; Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, & Excel; Zbrush.

SPECIAL FX: **2D Make-Up:** Alcohol Activated MakeUp, Creme Foundations, Hydocolour MakeUp, Airbrush, PAX Paint, Rubber Mask Grease Paint, etc.
3D Make-Up: Foam-Latex Prosthetics, Silicone Prosthetics, On-Skin Silicone FX, Gelatin, Wax, Liquid Latex, Pros-Aide Transfers, etc.

ILLUSTRATION:

BOOKS / COMICS: • **The SPIDER: Shadow of Evil** - Wrap Cover Illustration 2011 - Client: Moonstone - Hardcover Novel - Release : Spring 2012
 • **The SPIDER: Judge, Jury, Executioner** - Cover Illustration 2010 - Client: Moonstone - Trade Paper Back - Release: Spring 2012
 • **The SPIDER: Iron Man War** - Front/Back Covers/ 30 Interiors 2009/11 - Client: Moonstone - Graphic Novel - Release: Fall 2011
 • **BUMP: Novel of Extreme Horror** - Front & Back Cover Illustrations 2010 - Client: Scream Factory - Horror Novel - Release: Dec 2010
 • **The PHANTOM: Julie Walker - Race Against Death** - Cover Illustration 2009 - Client: Moonstone - Comicbook - Release: Jan 2010
 • **Buckaroo Banzai: Hardest of the Hard (Part 2)** - Cover Illustration 2009 - Client: Moonstone - Comicbook - Release: Nov 2009
 • **Buckaroo Banzai: Hardest of the Hard (Part 1)** - Cover Illustration 2009 - Client: Moonstone - Comicbook - Release: Sept 2009
 • **The SPIDER: Judgement Knight #1** - 10 B/W Interior Illustrations 2008/09 - Client: Moonstone Books - Novella - Release: July 2009

PACKAGE ART: • **Presidential Monsters: Monster from Watergate Lagoon** - Package / Card Art 2011 - Client: Heroes in Action Toys - Release: July 2011
 • **Presidential Monsters: Phantom of White House** - Package / Card Art 2011 - Client: Heroes in Action Toys - Release: July 2011
 • **Presidential Monsters: ZOM-BUSH** - Package / Card Art 2011 - Client: Heroes in Action Toys - Release: July 2011

CONCEPT ART: • **Heroes in Action Toys** - 2011 to Present - Freelance Concept Artist, Designing new line of Presidential Monster Action Figures.
 • **Zagone Studios, LLC.** - Chicago, IL - 2007 to Present - Freelance Halloween Mask Designer, 14 Masks on Market.
 • **The Bradford Exchange** - Niles, IL - 2006 to Present - Freelance Product Development Concept Illustrator / Prototype Painter.
 • **Blood on the Plain** - 2011 - Freelance Concept Artist, Designed Creatures for Independent Film, Water Cooler Productions.
 • **RAVEN DIABLO** - 2010 to 2011 - Freelance Concept Artist, Designing 9 Characters for Independent Author / Filmmaker.
 • **Kik Axe Guitars: Unique Guitar Controllers** - Oswego, IL - 2009 to 2010 - Freelance GuitarHero/RockBand Guitar Designer.
 • **SATANIC PANIC** - 2006 - Freelance Concept Artist, Designed Creature for Independent Film, Marc Selz Productions LLC.

SELECTED SCULPTURE:

• **Zagone Studios, LLC.** - Chicago, IL - 2007 to Present - Freelance Halloween Mask Sculptor, 14 Masks on Market.
 • **Denoyer Geppert Science Company** - Skokie, IL - 2011 to Present - Freelance Medical / Anatomical Model Sculptor.
 • **Kik Axe Guitars: Unique Guitar Controllers** - Oswego, IL - 2009 to 2010 - Freelance GuitarHero/RockBand Guitar Designer / Sculptor.

SELECTED CLIENTS:

Sears Holdings Corporation; Blue Chip Marketing World Wide; Denoyer Geppert Science Company; Moonstone Books; Zagone Studios LLC; Heroes in Action Toys; The Scream Factory; Kik Axe Guitars; Fangoria; The Bradford Exchange; Water Cooler Productions; AXIOM Megamedia; Curious Three Film Production; Marc Selz Productions; & others.



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SPECIAL FX AS KOSART EFFECTS STUDIOS:

- Sears ZOMBIES** - Web Spot Videos & Guerilla Marketing Campaign - 2011 - Client: Sears Holdings Corporation
 • Designed & Sculpted 3 Foam-Latex Prosthetics; 13 Zombie Make-Up FX Applications (6 prosthetics & 7 On-skin silicone fx).
- Blue Bunny Ice Cream** - Guerilla Marketing Campaign - 2011 - Client: Blue Chip Marketing World Wide
 • 8 Face-Paints to match large ice cream carton heads; Actors appeared in Chicago Hot-Spots, and on NBC News.
- Blood on the Plain** - Short Film - 2011 - Client: Water Cooler Productions
 • Creature Design; Actor Life-cast; Silicone Creature Head Sculpt & Fabrication, 3 Creature Heads total; Hand Punched Human Hair in Silicone Heads; Full Body Make-Ups on 3 Actors; Scalping scene.
- Lex Talionis** - Short Film - 2010 - Client: Kos For Three Productions
 • Wound and Age make-ups.
- Z.E.O. : Zombie Executive Officer** - Book Commercial - 2009 - Client: AXIOM Megamedia LLC
 • Zombie Special Effects Make-up Design / Application for commercial promoting Scott Kenemore's Spooof Self Help Book.
- Contagious** - Book Commercial - 2008 - Client: Curious Three Film Production
 • Special Effects Make-up Design / Applications for commercial promoting best-selling author Scott Sigler's Novel.
- Satanic Panic** - Feature - 2006 to 2008 - Client: Marc Selz Productions, LLC - as KOSART EFFECTS STUDIOS.
 • Creature Design; Actress Life-cast; Silicone Creature Suit Fabrication; Multiple FX Prop Designs / Fabrication include: Large & Small Sacrificed Dogs, Sacrificed Cat, Sacrificial Dagger, 2 Hearts, Meat Hooks, & Foam Hunting Knife Replica.
- The Dark** - Short Film - 2005 - Client: Showcase Entertainment
 • Design and Fabrication of FX Severed Head Prop.
- Ningxia Red** - Commercial - 2005 - Client: Iconic Memory Productions
 • Make-Up Design and Application of Old Grandmaster, Artwork for Film.
- Disney's Beauty & the Beast** - Theater Production - 2005 - Client: Curtain Call Community Theater, Frankfort, IL
 • Design / Fabrication of Beast Horns & Prosthetics, & Chip Tea-cup; Make-up Design / Application for Beast & M. D'Arque.
- Disney's Beauty & the Beast** - Theater Production - 2005 - Client: Bolingbrook High School, Bolingbrook, IL
 • Design / Fabrication of Beast Horns & Prosthetics, & Chip Tea-cup; Make-up Design / Application for Beast.
- Disney's Beauty & the Beast** - Theater Production - 2005 - Client: Morton College, Cicero, IL
 • Design / Fabrication of Beast Prosthetics; Make-up Design / Application for Beast & M. D'Arque.

SPECIAL FX AT STAN WINSTON STUDIOS:

- AVATAR** - Feature - 2007 - Twentieth Century Fox directed by James Cameron - with STAN WINSTON STUDIO.
 • Helped build A.M.P. Power Suit; Large Silicone with Fiberglass Mold Fabrication, & Fiberglass Castings of pieces.
- Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** - Feature - 2007 - Universal Studios - with STAN WINSTON STUDIO.
 • Snake Epoxy-Resin Mold Fabrication & Silicone Castings; Skeleton, Mummy, Bone Fabrication, Casting, & Painting; Stunt Double Life-cast; Mummy Foam-Latex Run; Conquistador Sarcophagus Polish/Finishing, Molding, & Casting; Alien Silicone Casting; Crystal Skeleton Polish/Finishing & Casting.
- Axe Body Spray: The Chocolate Man** - Commercial - 2007 - with STAN WINSTON STUDIO.
 • Chocolate Man Silicone & Fiberglass Molding, Foam Latex Casting.
- Black Hole** - Short - 2007 - Directed by Rupert Sanders - with STAN WINSTON STUDIO.
 • Special Effects Make-up Fabrication and on-set Applications.
- Halo 3: Believe** - Commercial Campaign - 2007 - Directed by Rupert Sanders - with STAN WINSTON STUDIO.
 • Halo Action Figure Casting, Halo Background Life-Size Gun Prop Fabrication.
- Dodge Grand Caravan: Crash Test Kid** - Commercial - 2007 - with STAN WINSTON STUDIO.
 • Crash Test Dummy Finishing & Silicone Molding.

AFFILIATIONS: • Illinois Watercolor Society - Signature Member • Chicago Greek Media Club - Member

SPONSORS: • Blick Art Materials • Fantasy Costumes • The Monster Makers • Zagone Studios

INTERESTS: Filmmaking, Theater, Poetry, Paleontology, Archeology, Mythology, Movies, Monsters, Superheroes, Rock 'n' Roll / 80s Metal, Alice Cooper, Flamin' Hot Cheetos.



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AWARDS & HONORS:

- 2012**
- *Selected* to appear in **SPECTRUM 19: The Best in Contemporary Fantastic Art.**
 - *Gold Award - Graphic Novel / Comic Book Category* at Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles' "Illustration West 50."
 - *Bronze Award - Graphic Novel / Comic Book Category* at Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles' "Illustration West 50."
 - *Honorable Mention - Graphic Novel / Comic Book Category* at Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles' "Illustration West 50."
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- 2011**
- *1 of 115 International Artists Selected* to appear in **SPLASH 13: The Best of Watercolor - Alternative Approaches**
 - *Bronze Award - Graphic Novel / Comic Book Category* at Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles' "Illustration West 49."
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- 2010**
- *Gold Award - Graphic Novel / Comic Book Category* at Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles' "Illustration West 48."
 - *1 of 87 International Illustrators Selected* for the Roadshow Portfolio Salon at ICON6: The Illustration Conference in LA.
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- 2009**
- *Featured Artist* for Watercolor Artist Magazine's 2009 "Ones to Watch" Feature in December 2009 Issue.
 - *Dong Kingman Award* at American Watercolor Society's 142nd Annual International Exhibition.
 - *1 of 40 Paintings Selected* from American Watercolor Society's 142nd Annual International Exhibition for 2009-2010 Travel Show.
 - *First Place Award - Adult Category* at Naperville Art League's Annual Public Art Competition "On The Edge."
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- 2008**
- *Best of Show* at 24th Annual Illinois Watercolor Society Open Exhibition.
 - *Peter C. Berry Memorial Scholarship / Student Choice Award* at American Academy of Art Annual Student Juried Exhibition.
 - *First Place in Illustration Award* at American Academy of Art Annual Student Juried Exhibition.
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- 2007**
- *Peter C. Berry Memorial Scholarship / Student Choice Award* at American Academy of Art Annual Student Juried Exhibition.
 - *First Place in Illustration Award* at American Academy of Art Annual Student Juried Exhibition.
 - *Honorable Mention* in IBHE Annual Collegiate Artists Competition.
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- 2006**
- *People's Choice Award* at Lisle Woman's Club "The Art of Lisle" Juried Art Exhibition.
 - *First Place* in American Academy of Art Substance Abuse Awareness Art Contest.
 - *Second Place* in Fangoria's Weekend of Horrors Chicago Costume Contest.
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- 2005**
- *First Place* in American Academy of Art Halloween Costume Contest.
 - *Honorable Mention* in Fra Angelico Foundation Annual Student Art Show and Competition.
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- 2004**
- *First Place* in American Academy of Art Annual Senior Art Scholarship Competition.
 - *First Place* in Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Chicago Annual St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Iconography Competition.
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- 2003&02**
- *First Place* in Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Chicago Annual St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Iconography Competition.
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- 2001**
- *Second Place* in National Newspaper Association Annual National Literacy Day Poster Contest.
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- 2000**
- *First Place* in National Newspaper Association Annual National Literacy Day Poster Contest.
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- 1999&98**
- *First Place* in Illinois Computing Educators Annual Graphic Arts Competition.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS:

- 2012**
- *Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles' Illustration West 50 Show* - Gallery Nucleus - Alhambra, CA.
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- 2011**
- *First Annual MALEFICIUM Dark Art Exhibition* - Kosart Gallery of Kosart Effects Studios - Westmont, IL.
 - *Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles' Illustration West 49 Show* - Gallery Nucleus - Alhambra, CA.
 - *Illinois Watercolor Society's 27th Annual Open Exhibition* at The Next Picture Show: A Fine Arts Center - Dixon, IL.
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- 2010**
- *Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles' Illustration West 48 Show* - During ICON6 - Pasadena, CA.
 - *Illinois Watercolor Society's 26th Annual Open Exhibition* at The Next Picture Show: A Fine Arts Center - Dixon, IL.
 - *Illinois Watercolor Society Bank Show* at Sauk Valley Bank - Dixon, IL.
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- 2009**
- *American Watercolor Society's 142nd Annual International Exhibition & Travel Show* - Begins at Salmagundi Club - New York, NY.
 - *Illinois Watercolor Society's 25th Annual Open Exhibition* at The Next Picture Show: A Fine Arts Center - Dixon, IL.
 - *Richeson 75: Small Works Competition Exhibit* at the Richeson School of Art & Gallery - Kimberly, WI.
 - *Hellenic Museum & Cultural Center's "NeolaialPathos: New. Youth. Passion. Exhibition"* - Chicago, IL.
 - *Norris Gallery's "Watercolor 09" Art Exhibit* at the Dellora A. Norris Cultural Arts Center & Gallery - St. Charles, IL.
 - *Naperville Art League's Annual Public Art Competition "On The Edge"* - Naperville, IL.
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- 2008**
- *Beyond Common Ground: The Art of J. Anthony Kosar* - Solo Exhibition at Naperville Fine Art Center & Gallery - Naperville, IL.
 - *American Academy of Art Bachelor of Fine Art Exhibition at the Bill Parks Gallery* - Chicago, IL.
 - *Illinois Watercolor Society's 24th Annual Open Exhibition* at the Brickton Art Center & Gallery - Park Ridge, IL.
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- 2007**
- *IBHE Annual Collegiate Artists Competition at Koehline Museum of Art* at Oakton Community College - Des Plaines, IL.